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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoshihide IWAKI, et al.

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For: FIXATION OF NUCLEOTIDE DERIVATIVES TO SOLID CARRIER

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action mailed March 12, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$930.00 for this extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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